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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF PCV STARR

1. TO PREPARE FOR LIKELY CONTINGENCIES SHOULD RANSOM OR OTHER DEMANDS BE MADE BY FARC FOR STARR'S RELEASE, TASK FORCE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S THINKING ON POSSIBLE INTER-MEDIARIES. WE HAVE IN MIND PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS OR PRES-TIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS WHO WOULD COMMAND FARC'S RESPECT AND YET NOT REPEAT NOT BE ANTAGONISTIC TO US OR MORE SPECIFI-CALLY TO OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING STARR'S SAFE RELEASE. WE REALIZE THIS IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND SPECULATIVE CON-CEPT BUT BELIEVE WE MUST START THINKING OF AVAILABLE MECHANISMS WHICH COULD PROVE USEFUL IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH

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AS YET CANNOT BE CLEARLY ENVISIONED. SUCH INTERMEDIARIES WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO WORK WITHIN OVERALL CONTEXT OF GOC'S BASIC RESPONSIBILITY TO DEAL WITH ANY DEMANDS FROM FARC.

2. POSSIBLE INTERMEDIARIES COULD BE PROMINENT AND RESPECTED INTELLECTUALS, JOURNALISTS, CHURCH LEADERS, ETC. WE SHOULD

NOT OVERLOOK LOCAL INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING POSSIBLY
INDARENA; IN SHORT, ANY RESPECTED ORGANIZATION WHICH
COULD CONVINCINGLY ADVOCATE A HUMANITARIAN APPEAL FOR
STARR'S SAFETY.

3. FINALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S FORWARD THINK-
ING ON A POSSIBLE FUTURE ROLE WHICH STARR'S MOTHER MIGHT
PLAY SUCH AS APPEAL FROM US AND/OR VISIT TO BOGOTA.

4. FOREGOING IS INTENDED TO EXPLORE AVENUES OF TACTICAL
FLEXIBILITY WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF OUR NO CONCESSIONS
POLICY.

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